17. Quilon
18. Manmad/Dhulia
19. Cochin
20. Pune
21. Belgaum
22. Pondicherry.

तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस की निकासना

343. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस को निकालने के लिए 45 ब्लाक, देशी और विदेशी गैर सरकारी कम्पनियों को सौंपने का निर्णय लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन कम्पनियों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) भविष्य में इनसे कितना तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस मिलने की संभावना है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) से (ग) तेल और गैस के अन्वेषण के लिए बोली के पांचवे दौर में 45 ब्लाकों को प्रस्तावित किया गया है । बोली प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि 30 जून, 1993 है । अभी तक कोई बोलियां प्राप्त नहीं हुई हैं । इन ब्लाकों से प्राप्त होने वाले तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस की संभाव्य मात्रा इन ब्लाकों में अन्वेषण कार्य और उसके बाद प्राप्त स्थलों का विकास किए जाने पर ही जानी जाएगी ।

Import of Crude by IOC

344. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN :
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :
SHRI P. UPENDRA :
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation propose to import large quantity of crude in the financial year 1993-94;

(b) what is the total cost of the same alongwith total amount of foreign exchange involved in this import;

(c) whether the production of petroleum products and petrol during the same period is likely to increase as compared to last year, if so, details thereof; and

(d) whether Government are taking steps to tap the crude availability in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (.CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) ; (a) and (b) The import of crude of will be in accordance with the approved Oil Economy Budget for the year 1993-94. The value of the imports Will depend on the total quantity and prevalent international market prices.

(c) The indigenous production of petro leum products including petrol dur.ng the year 1993-94 is estimated to be about 51323 TMT as against 52561 TMT during 1992-93.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Contract for Expansion of HBJ Gas Pipline

345. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the technical/price bids for the Rs. 600 crore pipeline supply con tract for the expansion of Hazira-Bijapur-Jagdishpur (HS.l) gas pipeline finalised, if so, the names of Indian/foreign mul tinationals to whom the contract is likely o be given/awaribd finally;

(b) what are the main sites in Delhi, Haryana and U.P. etc. which will have the gas through the pipelines indicating the present capacity and after laying ca pacity of this loop line in million cubic metres per day;

(c) what is the total demand of gas in the northern region and whether the same *would be met satisfactorily, and*

(d) if so, by when and what will be the total cost of this whole project during 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SAT1SH SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The current carrying capacity of the pipeline is 18.2 MMSCMD. The capacity of the pipeline is to be increased to 33.4 MMSCMD whereafter gas is proposed to be supplied to units located in Oadepan, Babrala, Shahjahanpur, Bawana, Faridabad, etc.

(c) and (d) Allocations, or assessment of requirement, are not made on a regional basis. With the upgradation of the HBJ pipeline, the allocations mads in the region are likely to be satisfactorily met. Expenditure on the upgradation project during the current financial year is estimated to be approximately Rs. 370 crores, including a foreign exchange expenditure of Rs. 210 crores approximately.

Proposal to pump out the additional crude oil

346. SHRI BHADRESHWAR GOHAIN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

,(a) whether Government propose to pump out the additional crude oil from Assam through a loop line, and

(b) if so, what is the reason for proposing to pump out the crude oil in spite of strong protest by the people of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATTSH SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shortage of LPG Cylinders in Bombay

347. SHRI E. BALANANDAN :

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:

SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that LPG dealers of Bombay City due to riots situations are crea/ing artificial shortage to charge more from the customers; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There was some interruption in the supply of LPG during the period of disturbances/curfew m Bombay. Despatches were made even on Sundays and holidays to ease the situation.

Mass Exodus of the top Level Executives

348. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there has been a mass exodus of the top level executives from ONGC as reported in the Economic Times dated 6-4-93;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that most of them have joined Multinational companies engaged in oil exploration; and

(c) whether Government would consider imposing a ban on top level ONGC executives, taking up private empioymen particularly in the oil exploration secto: as this would give the MNCs undus leverage in negotiations for contracts anc assignments?